

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT
AND SUBMISSION OF APPEAL BRIEF
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants herein cancel Figs. 1 and 2 as previously presented and substitute replacement sheets for those figures, as well as a new Fig. 3. The support for the subject matter of these Figures is found in the unamended portions of substitute specification paragraphs [0016] and [0017] set forth above. No new matter is added.

Attachment: Two (2) Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1 and 2) and One (1) New Sheet (Fig. 3)

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REMARKS

The above amendments to the drawings and specification are made to resolve the issues raised by the examiner in the Final Office action mailed and mentioned in item 3 of paragraph 10 of the communication mailed June 20, 2006.

The undersigned wishes to thank the examiner for the helpful discussions in telephone conferences of June 16 and subsequently, culminating in discussions on August 21 wherein the undersigned and the examiner agreed to the drawings and specification amendments set forth herein as resolving the non-prior art issues raised by the examiner in the Office action mailed September 9, 2005.

The specification and drawing amendments are made relative to the specification and drawings as it existed in the substitute specification filed January 13, 2005, i.e., prior to the amendment filed June 28, 2005, since the examiner has indicated to the undersigned that the specification and drawing amendments included in the amendment filed June 28, 2005 were not entered due to the examiner's assertion of new matter contained therein. Applicants do not agree that any new matter was contained therein, but have removed the issue by the present amendments arrived at with the examiner's assistance.

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The prior art rejections are again respectfully traversed for reasons discussed earlier and more fully developed in the Appeal Brief already filed and in the Corrected Appeal Brief filed concurrently herewith.

The Corrected Appeal Brief includes specification and drawing references in the Summary discussion for the only two independent claims (claims 1 and 7), and also for dependent claims 2 and 19. Claim 2 has also been further discussed in the Summary.

Respectfully submitted,

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